

Grand Commandery of New York

April News



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FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Christian Greetings Sir Knights,

April is a month that brings in a renewed Hope for improved weather and new life “springing” forth. This year, it also holds in its arms the celebration of Easter. While we may celebrate this event in so many different ways, it has always been a time for me to reflect on my actions of the past year to verify that I have repented for my sins. It is because of my Faith that I can thank Christ and embrace that opportunity.

I draft this article in the wake of an event that has me contemplating heavily upon very recent actions that have occurred at the Special Conclave. We have all taken very solemn vows pertaining to Knighthood as we know it. We declare that we have no ill will that we would not reconcile. A Commander’s duties are to govern with justice and moderation. We have been advised that we should be a shining light to others by our exemplary conduct. The defense of our beliefs, actions and vows through the sword should be bursting of Faith, Hope and Charity.

The Charity is always the most difficult of these to both define and live with. Do we act as Christian Knights with our words or actions? The wound of this event is severe and will take time to heal. The scar may never entirely disappear. May it be a reminder to us all to leave the sword in its scabbard rather than draw it unjustly. It is ironic that this is written on the “Ides of March” and I Hope this Magnanimous Order can unite in the bonds of Friendship and Brotherly Love to press onward.

In closing, I hope that all Knights Templar consider attending the East Coast Easter Sunrise Observance at least once. It will inspire Faith, Hope and Charity.

Courteously with Brotherly Love,
S.K. Dennis S. Davis, R.E.G.C.

Upcoming Events

Utica Commandery, No. 3 Inspection, April 4, Utica, NY

Nassau Commandery, No. 73 Inspection, April 4, Oyster Bay, NY

Empire DeWitt Clinton Commandery, No. 14 Inspection, April 8, Staten Island, NY

Lake Erie Commandery, No. 20 Inspection, April 12, Lackawanna, NY

Central City Commandery, No. 25 Inspection, April 15, Liverpool, NY

Patchogue Commandery, No. 65 Inspection, April 15, Brentwood, NY
East Coast Easter Sunrise Observance, April 16-17, Alexandria, VA
DeMolay Commandery, No. 22 Inspection, April 21, South Dansville, NY
St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19 & Malta Commandery, No. 21 Inspection, April 28, Endicott, NY
Batavia Commandery, No. 34 Inspection, April 28, Attica, NY

(Details can be found on the Grand Commandery website)

Grand Prelate's Corner

The season of Lent takes us on a spiritual journey—from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. It is a time of extended preparation, as we seek to focus our eyes on the cross and the power of Jesus' death for the forgiveness of sins. Then finally, on Resurrection Sunday, we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death. Christ is risen!

On the first Easter Sunday morning, two women were in for the surprise of their lives. Instead of finding a closed tomb, they found an open grave, and an angel greeting them with the words "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." For them and for every follower of the Lord Jesus, life would never be the same. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead changed the course of history.

The resurrection is God's way of announcing that our life does not have to be a one-way journey to the cemetery. God is saying we don't have to be stuck in our past. The risen Savior has hit the delete button on our sins. We don't have to wonder who's in charge, because this Savior has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. And we don't have to wonder what's ahead, because nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Romans 8:39](#)).

So let's celebrate Easter. If your church sings this song, sing it out: "Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!" And if you are not able to attend church, take some time to praise God that Jesus is alive. With Christians around the world we can say, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Risen Savior, on Easter day and everyday we worship and praise you and thank you for your power over death. Help us to experience in our lives your resurrection power forever. A Blessed Easter to you all. "Live well and prosper."

From The Editor

The recent Special Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in March brought forth changes in the Grand Encampment Line. The elected and installed Grand Master from last August's Triennial was replaced by the end of the Special Conclave. The new Grand Master is now the newly re-instated Deputy Grand Master.

In addition to this change, several edicts of the previous Grand Master were overturned to bring back stability to our noble Order.

Although you may have your own feelings about what happened, it should be accepted as for the good of our Order. As our Grand Commander stated in his April Message, a Commander's duty is to govern with justice and moderation.

We are an order of Christian Knights and follow a Christian code of conduct. I too hope that this incident will strengthen our Order and not leave a permanent scar that may never heal. Please ask our Lord for strength during these troubling times.